

After returning home from Vietnam, he earned his juris doctorate from St. Louis University, where he met his future wife, Anna.

Bill began his career as a clerk for George Moran of the Fifth Appellate Court District. He soon became an assistant public defender while entering into private practice. Bill's illustrious career of public service began with his election to the Madison County Board. He was then elected to multiple terms as the Madison County State's Attorney and eventually as a State Senator in the 13th District. At the time of Bill's passing just a few weeks ago, he was serving on the Illinois State Board of Elections.

Bill was a member of many civic and religious organizations, including the Knights of Columbus, the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, and the American Legion and VFW.

One of my favorite stories about Senator Haine was when he and his family and his wife, Anna, came to tour Washington, D.C., and I had a chance to take him on the House floor here and on the Senate floor where Bill, who wasn't in the best health when he came, decided to sit down in the Senate, and an overzealous Senate staffer came out and said: "I'm sorry, but that chair is reserved for a Senator." And Bill said: "I'm a Senator."

And I happily reminded that overzealous staffer at the time that it was actually a staff member's chair and Bill was okay sitting there while we showed the glorious splendor of what we get to see every day.

Shannon, my kids, we send our heartfelt prayers to his wife, his seven children, his 38 grandchildren, and his great grandchild.

Bill's commitment to public service was second to none.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF JOE CHAMPLEY

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of my best friends in the world, Joe Champley, who was honored as Taylorville Junior High School's Teacher of the Month for September. Joe has over 30 years of experience serving as a teacher, coach, mentor, and friend to so many in our community.

Joe received Taylorville Junior High School's Red Apple Award which honors his outstanding dedication to students and staff. As an instructor, his compassion and care for kids is unmatched, as is his humor. He teaches because he believes teachers can make a difference in kids' lives, and he hopes to lead them down the right path. And I can count countless numbers of kids who have gone through the junior high school that I went to who Joe has helped.

One of his fondest memories is when he introduced the Illinois Secretary of State, Jesse White, and all the students chanted "Champley needs a raise. Champley needs a raise."

Joe graduated from our high school, Taylorville High School, in 1985, after

having an outstanding career in athletics. During Joe's tenure as a three-year starter on the basketball team, the Tornados won an Apollo Conference Championship and a regional championship; and he happens to still be 16th on the all-time Tornados scoring list.

The Taylorville community, my community, is honored to have leaders like Joe Champley. Joe is somebody who has made a difference in so many lives, and he is going to continue to do that for many years to come.

I wish you the best, Joe, my friend.

REBUILDING OF AMERICA BEGINS NOW

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, we feel the wind of history at our back this week and next. This has been a long time coming. Not since the mid-1960s have we had such an opportunity to do so many big, bold, and historic things as we have in front of us right now; things like paid family leave; modernizing and rebuilding our K-12 public schools, tuition-free community college, universal pre-K; and injecting the single biggest investment in our infrastructure in our Nation's history, roads, bridges, rail, replacing water and sewer lines that have been there for over a century, taking out old gas lines that are dangerous, leaded pipes that have literally cost lives.

This is all right in front of us right now, and here in the House, it hangs by perhaps a few votes. Just one or two votes may make the critical difference.

Every single one of these measures I mentioned is popular, every single one. And it is not just Democrats. Sixty-six percent of Americans support the package I just described. That includes 61 percent of Independents, and even 39 percent of Republicans.

The American people get it. They recognize that we must rebuild America, rebuild our infrastructure in terms of our physical infrastructure and the infrastructure of our society.

Now, some might ask, understandably, okay, all these things sound great, but how are you going to pay for it?

Well, in the Ways and Means Committee, we just put our money where our mouth is. We just put up vote after vote to raise taxes on the richest one-tenth of 1 percent; to raise the revenue necessary to fund every single one of the priorities that I just described.

I understand there are those who want to keep things as they are; who don't believe we should invest in our infrastructure; don't believe we should have paid family leave, even though the rest of the industrialized world has it and has for decades; don't believe that we should have funding for child care.

They want to keep the system the way it is. They like the idea that there was just a \$2 trillion tax cut under the previous administration, none of it paid for and, according to CBO, 83 percent of it going to the richest 1 percent. They are fine with that.

But in terms of reforming our tax system to make the richest Americans pay their fair share and to use that money to invest in the American people, they are opposed to that.

Well, I proudly support it. This will be one of the best votes I cast in my career. This is an exciting, truly transformative time in our Nation's history. It is now incumbent upon all of us in the House, all of us in the Senate, to seize this moment. The rebuilding of America begins now.

ISRAEL'S IRON DOME

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) for 5 minutes.

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, Israel's Iron Dome has saved countless lives from barrages of missiles launched by Hamas.

One would think that the majority would understand this fact and recognize the Iron Dome's significance. However, after caving to the demands of several of their own fringe members yesterday, it is clear they don't have a clue.

Israel has always been a longstanding ally to the United States, and now is not the time to turn our back on Israel.

Madam Speaker, without question, House Republicans are proud to stand with Israel and the Jewish community. Our alliance with them is a testament to our shared values, and it should not be forsaken under any circumstance.

WASHINGTON LIBERALS' PERNICIOUS GRASP

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, there is no issue small enough to escape Washington liberals' pernicious grasp. For one, anonymous bureaucrats demand disgustingly low levels of salt and fat in school lunches even though dieticians acknowledge these ingredients are part of a well-balanced diet.

House Democrats have also passed a bill that would skim the top off workers' paychecks to line the pockets of union bosses, even though those workers are not even union members.

And most recently, Congressional Democrats are pushing a \$3.5 trillion socialist wish list, which the New York Times said "would touch virtually every American's life, from conception to aged infirmity."

While these micromanagers are busy finding new ways to interfere in your personal decisions, dangerous totalitarian nations like China, Russia, and Iran threaten individual liberties and global prosperity. Democrats ought to turn their attention to these existential concerns instead of seeking to impose their agenda on free Americans.

NOW IS THE TIME FOR ANSWERS

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, the American people deserve to know